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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,742,000 in funding for the Long Beach Learning Hubs Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Long Beach, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 10th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802.

To advance digital equity and inclusion, especially for communities most in need, the City developed the Digital Inclusion Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative is a citywide effort through the Technology and Innovation Department (TID) that focuses on ensuring everyone in Long Beach, regardless of their background and identity has equitable access and use of digital resources and services such as the Internet and computers.

The city of Long Beach, in partnership with community-based organizations (CBOs) to administer digital inclusion resources and services to communities most in need. These resources and services include 1) administering free Internet services (hotspots) and computing devices (tablets, Chromebooks); 2) providing technical support for computing devices and hotspots administered; 3) implementing virtual digital literacy courses; 4) implementing communications efforts to promote the resources and services. In addition, the City has launched four community learning hubs where LBUSD students can access online learning and after school programming. This funding request would allow the City to continue building resources and programming for digital inclusion by increasing access at parks and libraries.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal
Member of Congress